



**STATE OF TEXAS**

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**CITY OF YOAKUM**

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**ORDER NO. 2020-01**

**COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND LAVACA** §

**DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yoakum has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Yoakum, and to ensure assistance for continued vital services for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 located in multiple Texas counties; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 50 Texans with pending tests for COVID-19 in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, some schools, universities, and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the state and local levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as increasing laboratory testing capacity, coordinating preparedness efforts across state agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Federal Government has declared a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the governor of the State of Texas, the Honorable Greg Abbott, preemptively declared a state of disaster in the State of Texas by and through a Proclamation attached hereto; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANITA R. RODRIGUEZ**, Mayor of the City of Yoakum, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster for the City of Yoakum, Texas.

1. That a state of disaster is declared for City of Yoakum, DeWitt and Lavaca County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, if this state of disaster continues for a period of more than seven days of the date hereof, this Declaration shall be taken before the City of Yoakum City Council for consideration for renewal by consent of the City of Yoakum City Council.

3. Pursuant §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City of Yoakum City Clerk and the Texas Division fo Emergency Management.

4. Pursuant §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster continues the City of Yoakum Emergency Management Plan.

5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and after its execution.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Yoakum, Texas to be affixed hereto, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

SO ORDERED, PROCLAIMED AND PUBLISHED on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Anita R. Rodriguez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Theresa A. Bowe  
City Clerk

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

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WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster for all counties in Texas.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to cope with this declared disaster, I hereby suspend such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster for that limited purpose.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed

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with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 13th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

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GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. H. Hughs".

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RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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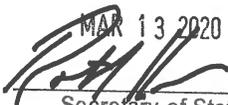


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment